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| Basic Fee | | | | | | | \$ | 770.00 |
| Total Claims | 1 | - | 20 | = | 0 | x | 18 | = \$ 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | - | 3 | = | 0 | x | 80 | = \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| Total Filing Fee | | | | | | | \$ | 770.00 |

3. A check including the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 2-7 before calculating the Filing Fee. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/104,012, filed March 25, 2002, which is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/604,917, filed June 28, 2000, now abandoned.

7. New drawings are enclosed, twelve (12) sheets, Figs. 1-26.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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There is a change in the correspondence address.

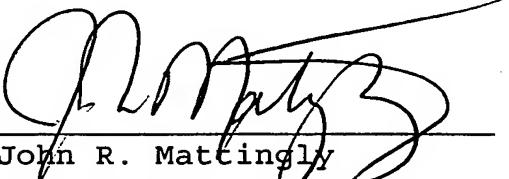
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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.

9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/104,012, as originally filed on March 25, 2002.



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